

## I am the spouse. I am the eggplant. I am the wall truss.





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complacent

Yep, Tricia took me to an Official University Function (a meet-the-big-donors cocktail party to celebrate something about an endowment and the history department--honestly, I'm still not sure. I floundered boldly through on eye contact and nodding, mostly). But I was The Spouse! And people shook my hand and said, "You must be Tricia's--" And every time they did, I waited for the sentence to end in "mumblemumble," which in my experience, it always does.

Hah--my experience is now wider. University liberal arts people and those who drink with them end that sentence with "partner," clearly enunciated, and with no drop in volume. Who woulda thunk? I could get used to this.

Now I have to find a way to answer the question, "And what do you do?" that doesn't make them sidle away from me. \*g\*

When we got home, Tricia said, "That's the most fun I've had at one of those things since forever."

"Why's that?" said me.

"Probably because everyone thought my escort was a hottie," she said.

I could get used to that bit, too, I betcha. \*g\*



Daphne Worth, who you all knew as Trollcatz. Daphne died

of this one! And I got to sleep in for two whole mornings. Too bad

professional--

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November 7 2007, 03:19:53 UTC COLLAPSE

Her escort is a hottie.

Even if u don't trust me w/cute foreign boys.



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I trust you! I just think you ought to notify the State Department first. \*g\*



<u> cvillette</u>

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Hey, when d'you wanna learn to belay? Are you just gonna take the class, or should I teach?

(yes, I'm eating as I type this. see? nom nom nom.)



1 trollcatz

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You are a most conscientious platypus.

Would you teach? That'd be fabulous. I just wasn't sure if you'd rather concentrate on getting vertical. But if you're up for it, I'd start yesterday or so.



cvillette

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Can do.

We'll use Tisha's backyard.

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i'm an academic spouse myself. i think it's pretty rare for us to /like/ it that much, though (at least, i don't like it, and usually the one thing i am guaranteed in common with other academic widows spouses is that they don't, either). so thanks for the perspective! it's a point worth keeping in mind.